

Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

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Corn harvest continues to ramp up with most producers expected to be in the fields this week. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.16 inches, 0.46 inches below normal. The average temperature was 79.0 degrees, 7.8 degrees above normal. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 6. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 6 percent very short, 34 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 4 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Corn dented reached 89 percent, 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Corn mature reached 43 percent, a jump of 22 percentage points from last week. Corn harvest was 2 percent complete, compared to 6 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Soybeans coloring was at 39 percent, a jump of 28 percentage points from last week. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Sorghum mature was at 22 percent, an increase of 17 percentage points from last week. Pasture and range condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending September 6, 2015

| District and State | Days Suitable for Fieldwork | Topsoil Moisture Supply | | | | Subsoil Moisture Supply | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
| | | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Northwest | 6.7 | 6 | 30 | 55 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 67 | 11 |
| Northeast | 6.7 | - | 19 | 78 | 3 | - | 13 | 81 | 6 |
| West | 7.0 | 7 | 52 | 41 | - | 7 | 31 | 62 | - |
| Central | 6.9 | 4 | 33 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 19 | 78 | 2 |
| East | 6.2 | 2 | 29 | 69 | - | 2 | 26 | 72 | - |
| West Southwest | 6.9 | 5 | 44 | 50 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 64 | 1 |
| East Southeast | 6.4 | 15 | 34 | 46 | 5 | 10 | 30 | 55 | 5 |
| Southwest | 6.7 | 2 | 18 | 71 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 74 | 10 |
| Southeast | 7.0 | 8 | 43 | 41 | 8 | 8 | 27 | 53 | 12 |
| Illinois | 6.7 | 6 | 34 | 56 | 4 | 4 | 24 | 67 | 5 |

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

| Item | Week ending | | | 2010-2014 Average |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | September 6, 2015 | August 30, 2015 | September 6, 2014 | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn dented | 89 | 73 | 82 | 85 |
| Corn mature | 43 | 21 | 15 | 37 |
| Corn harvested | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Soybeans setting pods | 96 | 94 | 100 | 98 |
| Soybeans turning color | 39 | 11 | 34 | 37 |
| Soybeans dropping leaves | 12 | 1 | 6 | 10 |
| Sorghum headed | 93 | 92 | 94 | 97 |
| Sorghum turning color | 82 | 73 | 77 | 80 |
| Sorghum mature | 22 | 5 | 17 | 21 |
| Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting | 88 | 83 | 85 | 87 |

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending September 6, 2015

| Crop | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn | 5 | 10 | 30 | 43 | 12 |
| Soybeans | 5 | 12 | 30 | 44 | 9 |
| Sorghum | 2 | 7 | 45 | 39 | 7 |
| Pasture | 3 | 10 | 34 | 46 | 7 |

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending September 6, 2015

| Item | NW | NE | W | C | E | WSW | ESE | SW | SE |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Corn dented | 85 | 69 | 94 | 96 | 88 | 95 | 88 | 96 | 91 |
| Corn mature | 38 | 12 | 53 | 42 | 30 | 64 | 53 | 53 | 44 |
| Corn harvested | - | - | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Soybeans setting pods | 97 | 100 | 99 | 94 | 98 | 99 | 94 | 94 | 93 |
| Soybeans turning color | 41 | 31 | 33 | 46 | 47 | 34 | 55 | 22 | 27 |
| Soybeans dropping leaves | 14 | 14 | 7 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 21 | 5 | 7 |

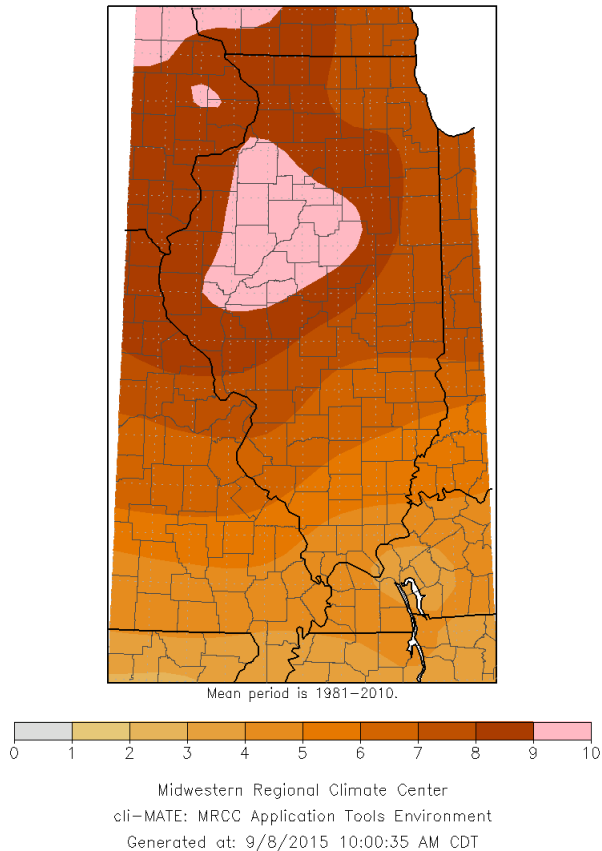
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Weather Information: Week Ending September 6, 2015

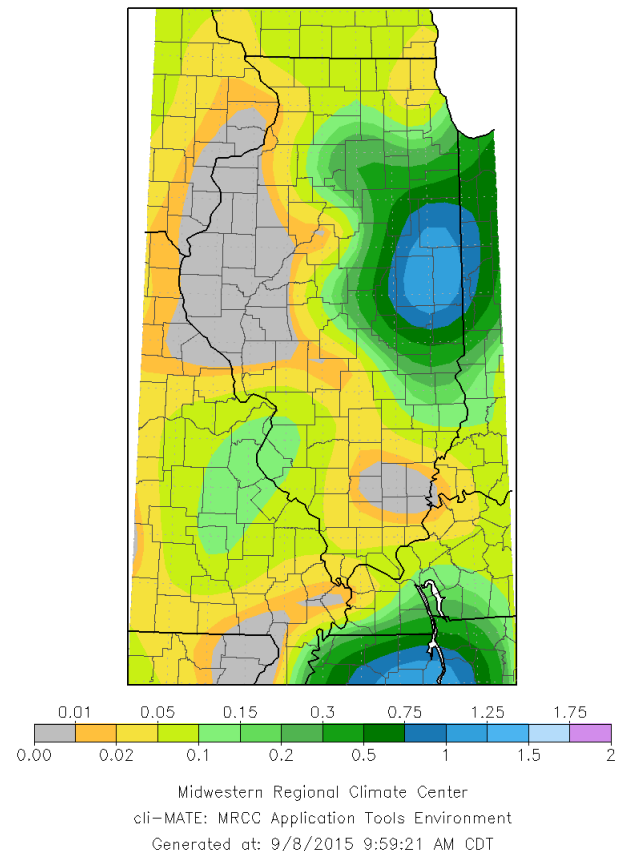
| District and State | Temperature | | Precipitation | | Growing Degree Days | |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | Average | Departure from Normal | Total | Departure from Normal | Since May 1 | Departure from Normal |
| | (degrees - F) | (degrees - F) | (inches) | (inches) | | |
| Northwest | 77.5 | 8.7 | 0.05 | -0.58 | 2,414 | -37 |
| Northeast | 77.0 | 7.9 | 0.14 | -0.49 | 2,403 | -13 |
| West | 80.2 | 8.8 | 0 | -0.74 | 2,693 | 11 |
| Central | 79.9 | 9.2 | 0.10 | -0.58 | 2,674 | 54 |
| East | 77.9 | 7.8 | 0.94 | 0.33 | 2,630 | 50 |
| West Southwest | 80.5 | 8.2 | 0.01 | -0.56 | 2,827 | 61 |
| East Southeast | 79.3 | 6.9 | 0.18 | -0.41 | 2,856 | 74 |
| Southwest | 79.6 | 6.0 | 0.06 | -0.48 | 3,016 | 140 |
| Southeast | 79.4 | 5.5 | 0.01 | -0.54 | 3,043 | 137 |
| Illinois | 79.0 | 7.8 | 0.16 | -0.46 | 2,714 | 49 |

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
August 31, 2015 to September 6, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 31, 2015 to September 6, 2015



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